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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN MOTOR VEHICLE DOMESTIC CONTENT

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1. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NIGERIA HAS NOT LEGISLATED A DOMESTIC CONTENT SCHEME, MAAHR REASON BEING COUNTRY'S LACK OF DOMESTIC CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE AUTOMOBILES. FMG HOWEVER, IN APRIL 1975 IMPOSED IMPORT QUOTAS G MOTOR VEHICLES WITH ENGINE CAPACITY UNDER 2000 C.C. IN ORDER TO PROTECT NEWLY COMMISSIONED VOLKSWAGEN AND PEUGEOT ASSEMBLY PLANTS HERE.

2. IMPORTS PERMITTED IN NUMBERS NEEDED TO MAKE UP DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUTPUT OF LOCAL VOLKSWAGEN AND PEUGEOT ASSEMBLY PLANTS AND LEVEL OF NIGERIAN EFFECTIVE DEMAND FOR VEHICLES UNDER 2000 C.C. GENERAL GOWON'S WORDS WERE: QTE THE IMPORTATION OF CARS UNDER 2000 C.C. WILL, WITH EFFECT FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR BE PLACED UNDER LICENSE IN ORDER TO OFFER PROTECTION TO THE VOLKSWAGEN VEHICLE ASSEMBLY PLANL IN LAGOS AND THE PEUGAOT ASSEMBLY PLANT IN KADUNA IN BOTH OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS. LICENSES WILL ONLY BE ISSUED FOR THE

IMPORTATION OF CARS UNDER 2000 C.C. TO THE EXTENT OF THE
SHORTFALL IN LOCAL PRODUCTION. CARS OF 2000 C.C. AND ABOVE,
WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTED WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIOF OR
LICENSE. END QTE.

3. AMONG THOSE HURT BY SITUATION ARE TOYOTA AND DATSUN OF
JAPAN (FORMERLY THE BIGGEST SELLERS IN "IHDER 2000 C.C." RANGE),
LEYLAND AND FORD OF UK, AND FORD OF US.
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